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Elks Minstrel Bigger and Better Than Ever

All Old "Stars" Will Be Headliners, With Many Striking Features--Comedians Galore

At a meeting last Thursday evening in the Elks Temple, mature plans were completed for the 14th annual Minstrel by Monessen B. P. O. Elks. Jack Keefer was chosen director.

This is an affair that the people of Monessen look forward to now almost as much as the kiddies anticipate the coming of Santa Clause, and why shouldn't they?

The Elks' Minstrel is an annual affair that has been maintained almost since the birth of the town and today it is considered the biggest theatrical attraction of this section.

The chairman of the committee this year is the ever popular tax collector, Carl Woodward, but we are afraid Carl will be "taxed' himself this year handling the big show.

One of the features this year is the big popularity contest. This will be open for all societies in Monessen and vicinity. J. Maurice Dalton and Whitey Smith are at the head of this feature and as both have had several years' experience with a number of big circuses, there is no doubt the contest will be handled in a strictly up-to-date manner.

Whitey Smith says brains without popularity is like a gasoline tank without a carburator.

The show this year will be a regular old time burt cork minstrel from the opening to the finish, with all the old favorite minstrel men back on the ends.

Johnny Cushing who has always been one of the premiers, was in Pittsburgh and spent the week end with his old friend, Lou Dockstader, who played at the Davis Christmas week. Johnnie says he has enough minstrel material ta stage a dozen shows and from the calibre of some of the jokes he tells, we believe him He asked "what animal is it that approaches nearest to man? and we gave it up He said "The Flea" Johnny believes in making the people laugh, following the old adage "Uneasy rests the face that wears a frown."

Bill Bumbaugh and John Parke will stage a little one act o farce entitled "Strike Three or the Kaiser's Finish," and Bill states that one of their songs is "The Watch On the Rhine," and when his hearers remarked it a stranger song for a good patriotic citizen to sing, he retorted "Why look just what we Americans are doing now "Keeping a Watch on the Rhine"

Jim Boyd has been appointed official bill poster and he says it will be a cinch for him to "Bill Monessen," but wishes Uncle Sam would give him a chance to go over and Bill France."

Joe Craig says, Judging from all

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RING out, wild bells, to the wild sky.
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

RING out false pride in place and blood.
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right.
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold:
Ring out the thousand wars of old
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

HON. D. J. SNYDER GOES ON COMMON PLEAS BENCH BY APPOINTMENT-- NEW YEAR'S PRESENT

Received Notification at Late Hour Yesterday that Gov. Brumbaugh Had Honored Him With the High Place---Is a Candidate to Succeed Himself

Former Representative Daniel John Snyder of Greensburg, has been appointed a Common Pleas Court judge to fill the vacancy on the Westmoreland county bench caused by the death of Judge L. W. Doty early in the year. The announcement by Gov M. G Brumbaugh yesterday afternoon came as a surprise as there was a belief he intended to leave all judicial appointments to his successor.

Soon after the death of Judge Doty, Mr Snyder, Charles E. Whitten and Judge Charles D. Copeland of the Orphans' Court of Westmoreland became aspirants for the appointment, which holds until January, 1920, a successor being elected in November, 1919, for the full term. Judge Snyder will be a candidate to succeed himself, and it has been reported that Judge Capeland would enter the contest regardless of the outcome of the appointment.

Several months ago it was understood that Gov Brumbaugh would appoint Mr Snyder immediately after December 1, when his term as Representative expired. When the appointment was not forthcoming, the friends of Mr. Snyder became busy. They heard reports that the Governor had indicated an inclination of not making any pending judicial appointment, leaving the filling of the places to Governor-elect W. C. Sproul.

Judge Copeland put up a stiff fight for the appointment and while he is an active Democrat he enlisted the support of many Republican attorneys. A delegation was sent down to Harrisburg in his behalf and the governor extended the courtesy of a hearing, but it is understood the delegation came back home disappointed.

As a member of the Legislature Mr Snyder always stood with the governor and was especially active in anti-liquor legislation. Former Senator Chester D. Sensenich of Westmoreland, the "dry" leader of the county, was the manager of the Snyder campaign. When the appointment appeared to be slipping, he went to work and it is understood he has been busy between home, Harrisburg and Philadelphia. When the appointment was announced at Harrisburg yesterday, the Governor's office declined to make any statement.

In a talk over the telephone last night with Mr Snyder, he said he had received official word from Harrisburg of his appointment and was delighted with his New Years gift Until the commission arrives he is not ready to say when he will take his seat on the bench

Mr. Snyder is a product of Westmoreland county, having been reared on a farm in Penn township. He taught school for three years and in 1892 he was graduated from Heidelburg University. Three years later he was graduated from Yale Law school. Since then he has been practicing law in Westmoreland county. For ten years he has been associated with J. R. Smith in the firm of Smith & Snyder. Mr. Snyder has always been a Republican. In 1914 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives and was re-elected in 1916.

Judge Snyder is a schoiarly fellow, a clear thinker and logical reasoner, and there is no doubt but what he will make good on the bench and eventually win the admiration of those who most vigorously opposed his appointment.

Young Real Estate Man To Go To France

Enlisted Several Months Ago With the K. of C. But Only Received Call on Christmas Day

James McKenna, one of the best known young men of this city who enlisted for overseas war work with the Knight of Columbus, received his call on Christmas day and is now arranging his business affairs prior to his departure for the seat of war. He will leave Monessen Sunday evening for New York where he will receive his assignment for overseas duty. Mr. McKenna expressed considerable anxiety from time to time and anxiously awaited his call to duty. He would much have preferred getting into the service before the end of the war, but there was no opportunity until the applications for release began to arrive. Mr McKenna leaves town for a year's service in France with the well wishes of a host of people who have known him for many years. He has been a resident of Monessen for the past seventeen years and bears the best of reputation. All who know him appreciate his worth as a friend and fellow citizen

James McKenna

He will not close out his real estate business for the reason that he expects to return and take up the work where he left off. The business will remain in charge of the senior partner, Mr. W. H. Keefer and Mr. McKenna will certainly appreciate the support of his friends during his absence.

ARMY LIFE'S GREAT EFFECT ON SOLDIERS

An audience that taxed the seating capacity of the auditorium and Sunday school room of the M. E. church was present last Sunday evening to hear the pastor, Rev D. R. Graham speak on the subject "The Soldier a Changed Man," and what the church might expect of him The Monessen Light Infantry, making its usual splendid appearance, attended the service. In the course of his address, Chaplain Graham spoke of the military discipline which is correcting so many little careless habits common to civilian life, of the Free Masonry formed in the army—the power it shall be in the political, social and business world. He declared that army life is a sure cure for selfishness and jealousies so common among us. He said that denominational names are never heard in the army nor doctrinal sermons preached. He said that religion had taken on a different aspect; that the men knew their physical and social needs were supplied in the name of religion and that only that church which daily touched the life of the men could hope to make a strong appeal to the man in service He predicted that the church would find every man changed; that morally he would be a more religious or a much worse man, and that the evangelistic work in the army would more than replace the men lost to the church.

—Attorney Daniel Reamer of Sixth street, spent yesterday at the county seat attending to business of his Monessen cliental.

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TODAY—"Believe Me," Xantippa, featuring Wallace Reed.

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Sergt. Lee Dies in France

Official word has been received by Monessan friends of Sergt. Frank Lee announcing his death in France. He, it is said, was wounded in October and died a few days later Sergt. Lee had been in army service about four years, having been sent to the Texas border during the Mexican trouble and after the Pershing contingent came out from the mountain fastness of Mexico, he was sent to France, and was among the first U. S. soldiers to land on foreign soil. The dead soldier's parents reside on Ninth street hill.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DANCES

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Sailor Home on Furlough

—C. L. Kehlenbeck Jr., of the U. S. S. Utah, is home from New York on a 15 day furlough, spending the time with his parents, of 31 First street, along with his many other Monessen friends Clyde took part in the great sailors' parade in New York City Dec. 26, when there were 10,000 "boys of the sea" in line, making the greatest event of the kind ever attempted in the Metropolitan city.

—Dr. B. A. Hyman of Elmira, N. Y., is spending a few days with Dr. F. H. Rosenthal of Delaware street.

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Olympic Theatre

TODAY
Clara Kimball Young in "The Savage Woman."

WEDNESDAY —Constance Talmadge in a good picture.

Constance Talmadge

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LITTLE 1919

One more little youth in the procession of the ages comes toddling on the stage, and one more tottering graybeard drops off. We can let the old one go. He gave us many sorrows, some discomforts. Still we shall remember him with a good will. He brought us a great relief, a noble triumph, a tremendous vindication of truth, honor, liberty and Americanism.

The New Year, in the traditional language, brings us a new white page on which to inscribe our record of life. We shall write it while laboring under some difficulties that did not exist in the old New Years. We were not bothered much then, comparatively speaking, by the cost of living. Taxes were relatively small There were no worries about fuel and food supplies.

But this thing we have in spite of all perplexities, a clearer vision. We have found that materialism wrecks any nation where it predominates, that money does not bring satisfaction, that the spirit of service is better.

We have learned that things heretofore regarded as impossible in our community life, can be accomplished by systematic organization and public spirit.

We have found that class spirit, snobbishness, intolerance of conviction, are hindrances. We seen now what can be done wher we all take hold of common causes in the satisfaction of working together. We have found that the limitations that often seem to thwart us are very frequently in our minds only. The thing that a person or community ought to have can usually be had in some way or other, if we go about it right.

So then, Little 1919, we start the upward path with you! In spite of heavier burdens, we begin with a new hope, and "greet the unseen with a cheer."

THIS FATEFUL YEAR

As long as time shall run, the year 1918 must be considered one of the great turning points of history. You can really match it up with but two other years, that in which Christ was born, and that in which America was discovered.

But now that the American coast is believed to have been explored by Norsemen long before 1492, that year has not the full significance it once had.

Some people might say that 1215, the year when Magna Charta was granted by King John of England, was of equal significance in the world struggle for democracy. Yet that event directly affected only one nation, while the world war of 1914-18 drew in nearly all modern states.

It might be argued that the years that saw the decline of Turkish power, which once reached to the gates of Vienna, might be considered as witnessing an equally fateful struggle between civilizations. Yet this decline covered so long an era, that no one year stands out. Some might go still farther ad say that when Charles Martel overthrew the Saracens at Poitiers in 732, and prevented them from overrunning Europe, it was an equally significant turning point. Yet the forces involved in that struggle were relatively so small, that the world will never look at it as an equally dramatic climax.

In the war we have just passed through, two great tendencies autocracy and democracy, which had been growing in parallel lines for 2,000 years, met in final conflict.

All the intervening years must be regarded as preparing for that struggle. We have seen in our day the fruition of 2,000 years of evolution working along these conflicting lines. Thus it has been our great privilege to be present at the very climax of the world's history for 2,000 years. It has been worth all it costs to live at this fateful hour.

THE COST OF IMPROVEMENTS

A perplexing question confronting many live towns is as to who shall pay for the cost of putting modern improvements on new streets. In many of the older communities, it has been customary to make improvements a part of the general tax levy. If the business section of a town was growing fast, outlying territory within the city or town limits would have to help pay. It was argued that this is fair, since the outlying neighborhoods get the benefit of the growth of a business center, by having a better market and farm products.

In practice it becomes hard to get new sections improved where the money comes out of general taxation The older districts of the town are conservative and often object to such appropriations, and outlying neighborhoods can't see what they get out of it.

As a consequence, it has become the custom in many states and progressive communities to charge up improvements on new streets principally against abutting land owners. They are made to pay for paving, sidewalks, sewers, water mains. They often complain where this is done. They may be able to show that the older sections of the town got their improvements out of the general tax levy, so that it is theoretically unfair if newer residents have to pay for their improvements out of their own pockets.

Yet when it becomes the policy thus to charge improvements along new streets to abutters, it helps develop a town. Improvements can not be blocked by parsimony of a few objectors or over conservative taxpayers.

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In "Xanteppe"—Star Tuesday

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Explanation of Hieroglyphics Admittedly Very Old Will Surely Be of the Greatest Interest.

Amateur archeologists of California are endeavoring to interest professional scientists of the East in the epigraphs which abound on the rocks of Round Valley, not far from the city of Bishop, and which are believed to be as old, if not older, than the hieroglyphics of earliest Egypt, to which they bear a strange resemblance.

It is believed by many that the strange markings constituted the names by which ancient tribes marked the source of water supply for the benefit of those of their number who lived roving lives.

These hieroglyphics have never been deciphered, although they are matters of record in the leading museums of the country, it is said. The Indian tribes now living in the vicinity declare they are the work of the Indians of North America and that they antedate all aboriginal lore.

Some who have examined the strange markings in the flinty bowlders say the heiroglyphics closely resemble those of earliest Egypt and may replace the latter as the first written language of humanity.

They are found always in the vicinity of water supplies, the same markings discovered near Bishop appearing also on rocks extending through the Canadian border, down through Washington, Oregon and California to the Mexican line and beyond. This fact, it is argued, indicates that prehistoric tribes marked a highway for their migrating members or for their armies, giving specific directions as to the best water supplies along the way.

French Live Stock on the Decline.

The United States food administration has called attention to the large decrease in live stock in France since the beginning of the war In cattle this decrease amounted to 2,599,000 up to December, 1917; in sheep the decrease amounted to 6,238,000 head; in hogs to 2,869,000 head. In the period since owing to the food shortage there has been a still further shrinkage. Figures like these indicate that there will be a large and insistent demand for live stock from this country for the foreign trade for many years after peace is finally established.

"Olive" Oil.

Over 500 different types of husked rice or paddy were under examination last year at one of the government agricultural farms in Burma, and over 200 types of sassamum were grown at another. Hitherto much of the sassamum grown in Burma has been exported to Europe, where it is used for the production of the so-called "olive oil" for which France and Italy have long been famed.

Try a Tricorn.

Stop to think how often a certain clerk in the bakery department of a certain downtown store helps you to decide on a round marshmallow cake or a square chocolate in preference to a three-cornered devil's food.

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Explaining Shower of Fishes.

A recent shower of fishes at Hendon, a suburb of Sunderland, England, occurred about 3 p. m., during a heavy thundershower, and lasted about ten minutes' A. Meek of Dove Marine laboratory, states in Nature that the fall was confined to an area of about a third of an acre The fishes were all about three inches long and all sandeels, a marine species often present in great shoals along the English beaches The place of fall is a quarter of a mile from the seashore It is found probable that the fishes, numbering several hundred, were drawn by a waterspout from the bay to the southeast and transported by the easterly breeze at least half a mile. As the fishes were all dead the evidence that inland waters may have been stocked with marine forms from the air is not conclusive

Useless Precaution.

A German captain of engineers relates how he once sent a green corporal and three men back to the Russian lines with instructions to put a railroad station completely out of commission so that it could by no means be of use to the enemy

The corporal rejoined the command in a surprisingly short time considering the nature of the task The captain asked if he had carried out his instructions.

"Ja wohl, Herr Hauptmann," said the corporal, "the Russians will never be able to use that station again You see," pointing to a large sack on his back, "I have carried away all the tickets."—London Opinion

Portugal and Her Colonies.

The population of Portugal numbers 5,957,985 and the area of the country is 35,490 square miles Her dependencies are Cape Verde islands, Guinea, Principe and St Thomas islands Angola Mozambique Her possession in China is Macao and her Indian possession is Goa The population of the colonies is 8,735,554 Lisbon is the capital of Portugal

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REACH LIMIT IN ABSORPTION

Small Things Like the Turmoil of a Great War Cannot Disturb Chess Devotees.

To its devotees chess is the most absorbing of all mental activities, the game that above all others brings complete forgetfulness of the world to those who play and those who watch the moves, observes a writer in the New York Herald.

A striking example of this self-absorption has been shown recently in the rooms of a local chess club when distinguished experts struggled for supremacy in the mimic field heedless of the stupendous four-year struggle that was fast drawing to a close on Europe's shell-torn, blood-soaked board. What was the reckless slaughter of thousands of German soldiers in comparison with the sacrifice of a single ivory pawn standing guard before its queen? Which one of those who moved the pieces or of the greater number who watched them with furrowed brows and fast-beating hearts thought of the kaiser's peace offer while the queen's gambit was passing before their eyes? The pope may lift his voice in words of solemn counsel, but they heed him not. The only ecclesiastical power that they recognize is that of the mitred bishop sweeping into the heart of the enemy's country and smiting the rock as it stands.

To read the printed accounts of this tournament is to recall the old Puck picture of two chess players carried in their chairs from a burning building with the board between them Nor do we wonder at the fact that it was only while absorbed in his daily game that the exiled Napoleon could forget Sir Hudson Lowe

Good American Family.

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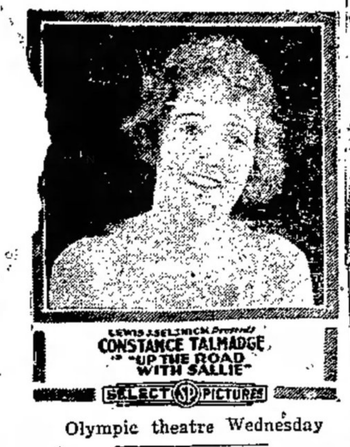

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Chauncey M. Depew Tells of Occasion When a Spoken Words Were Worth Much Money.

In commenting upon the death of Mrs. Russell Sage, Chauncey M. Depew, who knew Mrs. Sage for 40 years and was an intimate associate of her husband for a time, told how he made a $1,000 speech at her suggestion.

Mr. Depew said that although Mr. Sage accumulated a vast fortune he rarely gave away any money, adding that the reason this was the confidence which he reposed in the judgment of his wife as an able and experienced philanthropist. He said that years ago he received a letter from Mrs. Sage inviting him to make an address at the Williard school at Troy, N. Y., the occasion of the donation by Mrs. Sage to the school of a large sum of money for use in erecting a building. This was the school of which Mrs. Sage was a graduate.

"I replied," said Mr. Depew, "that I was so overwhelmed with engagements to speak that it would be impossible for me to accept the invitation. In answer I received by special messenger a note from Mrs. Sage, saying: 'Russell is going to give $120,000. He will give one cent unless you make the speech. This is Russell's first excursion into this field. Don't you think it best to be encouraged?'

"My immediate response was: 'I will make that speech.'"

COMPLETE CHAOS IN RUSSIA

Inevitable Anarchy as the Result of Insufficient Supplies of Food for the People.

By far the most terrible toll of the Russian winter will be taken in the peasant villages, the home of nine-tenths of Russia's 180,000,000, Oliver M. Sayler writes in the Saturday Evening Post. The sullen and defiant muzhik, who has planted for himself and only for himself, hasn't taken in the house almost military. He has to account the possibility that superior the men servants in regular train- force from the city or from his own or a neighboring village may seize his grain. When the calamity befalls, and starvation will follow in its wake.

Reprisal on some weaker peasant will be the next step, and from that the flame will spread to virulent border warfare with whole villages on the trail to plunder the granaries of others or intrenched to protect their own. In some districts, even before this most cruel form of civil strife had broken out—

I contemplated returning from Petrograd to Moscow by sleiga overland in case the German advance enveloped the railroad outlets. Careful investigations however disclosed the fact that machine guns brought home from the front were mounted on all the roads leading into many villages and travelers approached them at their peril.

World's Greatest Troopship.

One of the devoted women who have not spared themselves at the emergency rooms told this story among the flying needles the other day to her co-workers. A letter from the front has brought the intelligence:

A pompous German major had fallen into the hands of our valorous Pennsylvania troops, and after they had questioned him, he ventured to ask them for information.

"How many men have you on this side of the water?" he inquired.

"Two million," answered a young lieutenant.

"How did you get them over?" was the incredulous query of the Hun.

"One boat brought them all over," was the answer.

The German stared. "How so? What boat was that?"

The American gave the German a searching look. "The Lusitania," he answered, quietly.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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"Unconditional Surrender"

By ALVAH JORDAN GARTH

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All for war was David Brill, a patriot, idealist, rampant, almost furious at times. He was wealthy and had therefore all kinds of time to devote to helpful home "drives"—Red Cross, Liberty bonds and subordinate movements. His money was free as water for any of these. He was interested in everything military and diplomatic, and got to acquire phases of thought and phrases of expression covering home cantonments and foreign trenches, until his whole existence was tinctured with the events of the hour to the exclusion of all ordinary topics or forms of speech.

He had a lovely daughter, Dorothy, and all she thought of was love. The second time she and Bruce Dawson met each knew that they had been waiting for one another through the years. Bruce had spoken his full mind last.

"Of course you must see papa," fluttered Dorothy, "and oh! I fear the ordeal. He is so full of the war that is all he thinks of nowadays. He has introduced a system of discipline almost military. He has the house- servants in regular train- So when you tell him that—that we are very fond of one another, don't that won't frighten me, dear."

"I don't frighten me," replied Bruce lightly. "You must remember that in my position in the government auditing corps I am only a civilian."

David Brill bent his eyebrows in his usual stern, impressive manner as he entered his presence. In sensible and concise words the young man told his case.

"Very well," observed the magnate, "I have eyes and have not been blind to the fact that you have been court- Dorothy. When it comes to marriage that is more serious. We will first of all undertake an armistice."

"An armistice?" repeated Bruce in bewilderment.

"Precisely—with guarantees."

He stared hard. Dorothy had not overrated the predilection of her father for military terms.

"You mean?" ventured Bruce.

"Just what I say. For two weeks you will pledge yourself to remain away from Dorothy until I look you up. Surely you cannot object to my wish to know all I can regarding a prospective son-in-law?"

"Of course not. Let me give you my reference."

"I had rather choose my own way, young man," and the old tyro fixed a searching eye on Bruce, "when I make my investigation I may have to present you with one alternative—unconditional surrender."

"Oh, please," intimated Bruce, "you mean—?"

"Gay life, cards, wild companions, extravagance—all must be abandoned."

"I cannot plead guilty," smiled Bruce, but for Dorothy's sake. Why, I would give up life itself!"

Three weeks had passed, the "armistice" was voided so far as stipulated it was the essential. Only the "unconditional surrender" feature remained, and that did not in any way daunt Bruce. His life had been an open book and he was glad and proud of it.

As he neared the Brill home he caught sight of familiar feminine attire at the garden pavilion. That dainty waist and scarf he would know anywhere. He skirted the shrubbery, bent on giving Dorothy a surprise. At the pavilion entrance, however, he halted quickly. Dorothy's dear golden head was pressed within her arms upon a little table and she was sobbing as though her heart would break.

Upon the table lay a sheet of paper, and after a gasp and a gulp Dorothy would push it away from her with a shudder, as though its contact were poison. Bruce silently approached. Somehow connected that sheet of paper with the inexplicable distress of his beloved one. He could not help but glance at it.

"Report Bruce Dawson," it read, but the address given was not his own. The followed a list of wine suppers, gaming bouts, a divorce, an arrest. Bruce glared, his choler rising fast. Then his face broke into a sudden smile. He almost chuckled. Dorothy looked up at the sound.

"Oh! how could you be so—so wicked. Oh want to die. Papa says now it is worse than unconditional surrender—he!"

"My dear Dorothy," spoke Bruce, "you will devour your tears and seek the well intentioned, but seriously mistaken father of yours at once. I don't know to who he intrusted his investigation, but there are two Bruce Dawsons in the city as it happens, and his special service sleuth has followed up the wrong one.

"Oh, I knew you could not be so—so wicked!" cried Dorothy, rushing for the house. "I'll tell papa right away. Oh, you poor, persecuted martyr! Papa ought to be—cashiered!"

Dorothy vanished. Then a few minutes later she reappeared on the porch frantically beckoning to Bruce. She led him into the hall.

"Flag of truce!" shouted David Brill, waving his handkerchief in comic abnegation. Dorothy's angelic perfection must make up for the blind- dedness of his stupid old father!"

VOYAGE OF HARD-LUCK SHIP

On Trip From Calcutta to United States She Had Many and Serious Troubles.

A steamship that arrived the other day at an Atlantic port after a three months' voyage with 117 passengers had troublous times logging the long course from Calcutta and South Africa, says the New York Sun. She stranded off an uncharted channel of Madagascar and was forced back to Durban for repairs.

She sailed again after three weeks' delay, returned because of a fire in the jute cargo in her after hold and finally got away. Three days out Edward Gibson, automobile agent of Detroit, died of influenza and was buried at sea. Then two Chinamen indulged in a dispute about the merits of their respective tongs; one cut the other in the abdomen, and believing he had committed murder, jumped overboard and was drowned.

Everything might have been placid aboard ship thereafter had it not been for two "nationalists" from the Transvaal, who noisily advocated the smashing of all flag allegiance and said particularly hard things about the Stars and Stripes and the British ensign. They were surprised when they were held up and sent to Ellis Island on the charge of uttering seditious sentiments. Their fellow passengers said they were among the I. W. W.'s of South Africa.

Dr. James Denton of Stamford, Conn., who had been 14 months in the Belgian Congo helping to treat about 5,000 natives for tropical diseases, praised the Belgians for their swiftness in driving out the Germans and regretted that he had come back too late to join the medical forces in France, as was his intention.

Mrs. Edward Calvert, who is known as Mme. Gainsborough to folks of Cape Town, and who coyly admits that she is the "smartest milliner in South Africa," comes here to buy goods.

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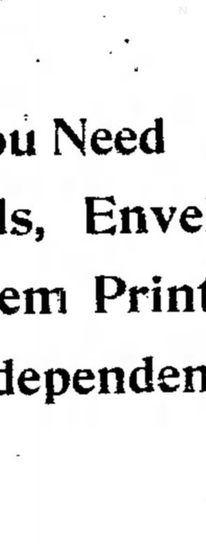

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LOCAL NOTES

—Attorney Samuel Ankney of Greensburg, is in town today looking after his legal practice in this end of the county.

—Born—Sunday morning, Dec. 29, to Mr. and Mrs. James Turek of 225 Knox avenue, a nine pound baby boy. Mother and child are getting along nicely.

—The adult Bible class of St Paul's Lutheran church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. P. Craig, Fourth street, this evening for a watch meeting. All members will be welcome.

—Miss Lillian Shapiro and Miss Bella Ress of Pittsburgh and Miss Jeannette Rosenthal of Charelroi, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Shapiro, 201 McKee avenue.

—Master Julius Fohl has returned to Circleville, Ohio, after spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. William Fohl of Sixth street hill.

—An entertainment and social will be held this evening in the M. E. church beginning at 9 o'clock. This will be followed by a watchnight service at 11 o'clock. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

—Mr. and Mrs. Max Janavitz, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lebowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Samuels and Mr. and Mrs. Myer Miller returned last evening from East Liverpool, Ohio, where they visited with friends since Sunday.

—Born—Saturday morning, Dec 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Savchak of 241 Rostraver street, a seven pound boy baby. The mother and babe are in excellent condition.

—If families having pictures of returned soldiers, or soldiers still in foreign service, which could be used in the Pittsburgh papers, will bring same to the Independent office, the favor will be appreciated. Ask for Mr. McKenney

—Ralph Wikstrom, son of Supt. M. Wikstrom of the Pittsburgh Steel Products, is home from Miami, Fla., where he is serving in the navy. He is visiting his man friends in and about Monessen.

—Mr. and Mrs. Abe Nayhouse of 409 McKee avenue, entertained Sunday evening in honor of the Misses Lillian Shapiro and Bella Ress of Pittsburgh and Miss Jeannette Rosenthal of Charleroi. There were about twenty guests and the evening was most enjoyably spent in music, song and dancing, followed by a bountiful and pleasing lunch served before the home going.

Attention Turners

Monessen Turners Greetings'—The annual Christmas treat will be held Tuesay evening, Dec 31st at 8 p. m at the Turner hall for members and their families. Dancing and a general good time after the treat. Come and see the old year out and the new year in.

69-2t Entertainment Committee.

ELKS' MINSTREL BIGGER AND BETTER

(continued from first page)

signs, (and Joe is a firm believer in signs) that this year's show will be the Barnum of them all.

Ben Brown, Henry Helmboldt, Jim Patton and Frank Wright, the popular four, have consented to form a quartette and start rehearsals immediately.

Jack Stevenson and Sam Wagoner will again be big lights in the show.

Bunk Shepler and Bill Souers, Paul Kunig, Tom Crow, Earl Sutman and Frank Bumer will be on the ends again this year and these six make up a whole minstrel show alone.

George Helmbodlt and Frank Gilmore, with the assistance of the "Basso Profundo," Jack Breining, will produce the harmony

Capt. Wells, Harry Dearer and Jack Butler will put on an acrobatic act

Burgess Stewart has been asked if he is going to be "Middle Man" this year and "Doc" replied "I'm not saying anything as I believe silence is the college yell of experience and when the curtain goes up you will all be surprised when you see me in the stellar role."

Ad Brauteram, the efficient postmaster, will sing the latest war ballad entitled "Out in Front with Gen. Delivery."

The Minstrel will be an event of February, the dates not yet having been determined.

CAPT. FARQUHAR EXPECTED HOME SOON

Capt. D. C. Farquhar sends a card to the Independent from France stating that he expects to soon be home on the good old U. S. A. He writes "Hope to start soon. Had hopes to be home for Christmas but was delayed. I had plenty of experience working with the Red Cross for nine months escaped." The Doctor many Monessen friends will be hearty glad to welcome him back "to the old home town" again after serving his country in the great world war.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank of Webster, Pa., will be held Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1919, between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m., in the banking rooms of the association for the election of directors to serve the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as will probably come before the meeting. 69-17t

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FORECASTS ALREADY FOR LOWER PRICES

The dominant note in the story of general conditions today is the calm and collected manner in which the business world views the uncertain future which lies ahead, says a report on general business conditions made by the United States Commerce's committee on statistics and standards The report has been made public.

"There are all sorts of forecasts as to the nature and volume of business during the next six months," said the report, "but this seems to be the most popular prophecy: A period of intermediate length working itself out by common sense and forthought to a far better era and greater prosperity than ever had been our portion in the past In this forecast the volume of foreign trade plays a large share."

The report says there is a widespread feeling that there must be such readjustments of prices as will bring them to a lower level, assuring stability of prices and purchasing, and adds:

"The general desire is not for radical reduction, but rather for such gradual declines as conditions may warrant. Commingled with this is the knowledge that wages and salaries have much to do with the cost of commodities today, and nothing is farther from the general thought than that there should be substantial reductions in the income and purchasing power of the many, but rather that a realignment of this nature should assume the form of readjustment in the line of such wages and salaries as are not warranted under the changed situation."

HOTEL MAN HAS LICENSE REVOKED

The court at Greensburg on petition of District Attorney N. A. Cort, revoked the liquor license of Joseph P. Keller, proprietor of the Keller hotel in the First ward, Mt Pleasant, for violation of the Brooks law and the influenza quarantine. The defendant was represented by Former District Attorney C. Ward Eicher and his first assistant, Attorney C. E. Heller.

It was shown that the defendant sold liquor during the quarantine in Mt Pleasant in suit case lots To one man he sold 20 quarts, furnishing a grip in which to carry the liquor home To another party he sold 12 quarts; another four quarts, and smaller quantities to many others. President Judge Alexander D. McConnell, in revoking the license, said that it was an open, notorious, willful and scandolous violation of the law and rebuked the defendant soundly.

This makes two liquor licenses that have been revoked in Mt. Pleasant, that of August Speiker, of the Third ward, having been taken away from him several months ago, for employing a woman to tend bar.

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COLORED FOLK TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

The three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the first negroes in America and the fifty-fifth annual celebration of the Proclamation of Emancipation, will be celebrated Wednesday night, New Year's Day at 8 p. m. at Wayman A. M. E. church.

During the year just approaching its close, there were many events of importance to the negro race and many celebrations were held throughout the land; none of these, however, is of such vital moment as the celebrations to be held this year.

The Ter-Centennary of the landing of their forefathers will be held during this year, the first of a series begins on New Year's and is done throughout the length and breadth of the land; in every community where there are negroes, this will be done.

Monessen is no exception; and though there may not have been any elaborate preparations, yet, at the Wayman church on Wednesday night the first section such a celebration will take place; this is a celebration for all the negroes of the city, as many can be present and the program represents the various institutions. The public is cordially invited.

The program which will be rendered here is the same as that which will be rendered elsewhere being made by the central department. Come and hear the declamations of well known local speakers and join in patriotic songs and melodies.

WE WISH YOU NEW YEAR AND PROSPERITY

And desire to extend thanks for patronage during the ye is soon to pass into history. It has been an era of glorious ment for our nation, and each of us should feel proud to hav part in the triumphs won by America.

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MORTGAGE WAS BURNED

A veryunique service was held a few evenings ago in the Holy Trinity Lutheran church, Irwin, when the mortgage was burned in the presence of a large audience. The Rev. Dr. J. H. Miller, pastor of the church had charge of the services. The Rev. S. K. Herbster and the Rev. J. O. Glenn, former pastor of the congregation, were present and delivered the addresses.

BODIES FOUND IN THE RIVER

The bodies of two men have been given up by the Monongahela near Brownsville. Barney Biggins, 52 years old, apparently had fallen into the mud along the river during the recent high water, from which he was unable to extricate himself. The other victim was an unknown about 40 years of age.

Substitute for Tea.

It is said that there are now on the market as a substitute for tea the leaves of a plant which Niebuhr described as long ago as 1775. The plant is the Catha edulis, or Arabian tea, which is cultivated or grown wild on the East African coast from Abyssinia to Natal, in the Nile valley, and in Arabia. The leaves are called by the natives "kat," and when boiled give off a liquor which is said to be a powerful stimulant. The natives drink this tea before starting on long marches or other strenuous labors. The tea is said to have a pleasant aroma and to be useful against neuralgia, while in many regions the plant is considered to be a protection against plague.

All He Had Left.

The conjuror was giving a sleight of hand performance. One of his feats was to make a marked dollar bill disappear in the sight of the crowd, which he did successfully.

"That marked dollar bill will be found in the vest pocket of that gentleman," said the conjuror, pointing his magic wand at Sam Lawding. All eyes were riveted on Sam, who advanced to the front, took some money from his vest pocket and said: "Boss, here's your change. Ah've had two beers and a cigar out of that dollar you told me to keep in my pocket till you called for it."

NO MOR YARN KI

A communication from national headq ing the suspension time activities of th has been of very gr soldiers and sailors of hostilities. Th its tremendous proc garments, has aided viding for the sold supplementary equi of socks, sweaters, careful inventory t the stocks of knitte in all the division houses and from t has been set aside a sufficient, in the ju tional department to care for the nee in camps and thos the other side.

Therefore the M non Chapter has n to complete all kn being made, but to tional yarn to men pleted articles are t headquarters as so that they may be the winter.

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